

Washington, D.C. - On April 13, 2005 at 1pm, the Subcommittee on Water and Power will hold an oversight hearing on "The Role of New Surface and Groundwater Storage in Providing Reliable Water and Power Supplies and Reducing Drought's Impacts." John Stovall, former Legal Counsel to Kern Country Water District, will testify at the hearing.

"Mr. Stovall's expertise in dealing with these issues is a great asset to the Committee and it is wonderful that he will be able to share his knowledge of water storage issues," Costa stated.

Mr. Stovall is being called as a witness to discuss the current surface and groundwater storage programs in the region, to provide his views on the benefits and costs of expanded storage programs and to discuss the appropriate role of the federal government in these projects.

The Subcommittee on Water and Power hearing is part of a continuing series of oversight investigations to examine water storage issues and successes. These investigations ensure that Congress remains informed about water storage issues in the United States.

"In the Central Valley, water supply and water quality are critical to our economic stability and the health of our children and families," said Costa. With 24 years of experience in the California state legislature, Costa has extensive knowledge of local water issues and is committed to continuing to work on water issues as a Member of Congress.

The Subcommittee on Water and Power has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to water resources planning, research and development programs.

Congressman Costa is a member of the Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. In addition, Congressman Costa serves on the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Science.

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